GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 900.00 ha. of forest land in Budawada RF, Krishna District for renewal of mining lease for Jaggayyapeta Limestone mining in favour of M/s.Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., Visakhapatnam Steel Plant – Extension of period of validity of Forest clearance approval as co-terminus with the period of mining lease - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.3 **Dated:27.01.2022**

Read the following:-

1) From the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.No.8-28/98-FC, dated.25.04.2000.
2) G.O.Ms.No.52, EFS&T(For.I) Department, dated.09.05.2000.
3) Comprehensive Guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in Letter F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28.03.2019.
4) G.O.Ms.No.50, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department, dated.04.09.2020.
5) From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr. Rc.no.EFS02-15029/25/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:02.09.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, have accorded approval under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 900 ha. of forest land in Budhawada RF land in Krishna District for Jaggayyapeta limestone mining lease in favour of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein. Accordingly, in the G.O.2nd read above orders were issued for diversion of the above said forest land.

2. In the G.O.4th read above, the Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department have issued orders extending the period of the mining lease for limestone held by M/s Rastriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) over an extent of 1295.00 Hectares in Survey No.376 of K.Agraharam, Kukteswarapuram Village, Jaggayyapeta Mandal, Krishna District up to 07.08.2030 i.e. for a period of 50 years w.e.f. 08.08.1980 under Section 8-A(5) of MM(D&R) Amendment Act, 2015, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under the MM(D&R) Act and the rules made there under and subject to the satisfaction of standing instructions and guidelines issued by the Government of India and State Government from time to time.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change while according approval in the letter 1st read above and stated as per para 7.3(vi) of Chapter-7 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi in F.No.5-2/2017 (FC Division), dated: 28.03.2019, the existing period of validity of forest clearance granted for diversion of forest land under section-2 (ii) of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining of minor mineral in the State regulated under Rules made under section 15 of MM (DR) Act, 1957 shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under the Rules made under section 15 of MM (DR) Act, 1957 subject to fulfill certain conditions.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has requested to accord forest clearance co-terminus on par with mining lease granted by the Mines Department in the matter.

5. After careful examination of the proposal and as per guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in the letter 3rd read above, Government hereby order that the validity of the forest clearance accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change letter dt.25.04.2000 under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 900.00 ha. of forest land in Budawada RF, Krishna District for renewal of mining lease for

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Jaggayyapeta Limestone mining in favour of M/s Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease i.e., up to 07.08.2030, under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957, subject to compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change letter dt.25.04.2000 duly taking undertakings for the conditions that were non-complied by the User Agency and also the conditions stipulated under Para 7.3 (vi) of Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change in the letter dt.28.03.2019.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The P.S to Hon'ble M(EEFS&T)

The P.S to Secretary, EFS&T Department.
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